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The Harold Linders and the John Browns came to lunch with us at Versailles. John is still uncertain of his fate, and as far as he knows will shortly cease to be a Government employee, [redacted] However, he was in his usual rollicking spirits. It will be a tremendous loss for the American Government not to have him here.

The Linders have settled in their new apartment. I had a helpful talk with Harold about foreign economic policy, [redacted]

Tonight we went to dinner with Paul Louis Weiller at his engaging little house at 10, rue de la Ferme. The Duchess of Kent, her sister who is married to Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, Prince Paul himself, Madame [redacted] the Directress of Jean Desses' establishment, and Duff Cooper were there. I told Duff of the great pleasure I had derived from reading his autobiography, which he had sent to Evangeline, over the week end. It is excellently written and I found parts of it most absorbing. I particularly liked that in which he paid tribute to the debt he owed to the use of wine and spirits.

We all went on to the Roland Petit ballet. A new one called "Le Loup" was especially good. We were joined there by Gerard Van der Kemp, who had come in from Versailles. He was pleased with the progress [redacted] made in donations of pictures and furniture [redacted] originally [redacted] at Versailles.

We then went to Maxim's, where Louise de Vilmorin met us. We took on some fried eggs and bacon at this point and finally got home about three o'clock. The two Greek princesses are [redacted] attractive and agreeable. I had not seen Prince Paul for some time. His actions during the war when he was Regent of Yugoslavia were ill-viewed in many Allied quarters but he now seems to be in general circulation again. I [redacted] first met him twenty years ago in London. Even at that period he had an intense interest in paintings, of which he was beginning to form

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what later became a fine collection. We acquired an outstanding El Greco from him for the National Gallery in Washington. I fancy he has had to sell most of his pictures but his interest in them is as lively as ever. He is a highly cultivated and charming conversationalist. He also has a superior taste in wines.

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